



Dudes & Dolls SQUARE DANCE CLUB

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Second, Fourth, and Fifth Friday Dances at Cedar Valley Grange / 20526 – 52nd Ave. W / Lynnwood WA

Bring a couple of bags of groceries, get a handmade shopping bag

Now is the time for all to donate ...



Anita and Mike Wiitala have spearheaded the April Food Drive Dance to help those in need in the Lynnwood Area. Food we donate will be added to the supply at Lynnwood Food Bank. There are many people in need in these tough times, and it is the opening of our hearts that helps so much. Our club, along with other square dance clubs, and members of our community give to various charities, and help when and where they are able.

If you bring a donation of food (two bags would be hoped for, but bring as much as you are able) you should go home with a handmade shopping bag.

Our Biggest D&D Thank You for Mike and Anita for taking on and following through with this task.

Happy Birthday to D&D's born in April ...

A rousing Happy Birthday to the following April-Born Babies. Dudes & Dolls. Give them a fleeting greeting in a square if you are there with any of them. Be sure Cathy W. knows when your birthday is.

- Fred Annett 4/6 Leanna Sebring 4/9
- Emma Meicho 4/18 Enikoe Orban 4/24
- Mark Laurence 4/25 Fred Becher 4/27

Annual Campout, Auction; same time, place ...

The gathering of a gaggle of Happy Camping Square Dancers will be July 28 to 31 (Thursday to Sunday) at Howard Miller's Steelhead Park on the Stillaguamish River at Rockport WA.

We (Flo and I) have attended the last four Campouts and always had a great time. Get a room as soon as you know you will be going. You can sleep under the stars (or tent), but in case of rain that could be uncomfortable. Come up for Saturday. Get up there by 8 o'clock and have breakfast. Stay for lunch and the auction. Be home by 10 p.m.

Next D&D General Meeting on April 21 ...

The D&D Directory knows all and tells all, except the date of this meeting. The date is April 21. It starts at 7:30, at Ronald Church, 17839 Aurora Ave. N., in Shoreline.

Help your club by attending the meetings. Nothing happens until someone does something. Come to a meeting and make something happen.

There will be a vote on By-Law changes. Be there to be heard.

April Square Dances as reported by Leanne ...

It is Spring and time for some good dancing!

We are looking at a full month of dancing in April –

April 8th – D&D Dance – Take me Out to the Ball Game
Cedar Valley Grange / 20526 52nd Ave. / Lynnwood
Pre-rounds 7:30pm / Mainstream 8:00pm

April 15th – Fidalgo Fogcutters
Skagit Valley Grange / 21273 Cook Rd. / Sedro Woolley
Pre-rounds 7:30pm (Phase 3 & 4) / Plus 8:00pm

April 22nd – Dudes & Dolls
60th Anniversary Black and White Ball
Cedar Valley Grange / 20526 52nd Ave. / Lynnwood
Pre-rounds 7:30pm / Mainstream 8:00pm

April 23rd – Stanwood Sashayers
Easter Bonnet Bunny Hop
Floyd Norgaard Center / 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood
Mainstream 8:00pm

April 29th – Checker-Dude Dance
South of the Border Fiesta
Edmonds Masonic Hall / Main Street / Edmonds
Pre-rounds 7:30pm / Mainstream 8:00pm

April 30th – Spring Council Dance
Hat, Nose & Tail Dance
North Shore Senior Center
10201 East Riverside Drive Bothell
Rounds 7:00pm Mainstream 7:30pm

See you on the Dance floor! --Leanna Sebring

Dancers cannot dance on bread alone ...



At one of our dances, before the break, our Kitchen Crew set up this beautiful table of food. It looked good enough to eat.

After the hungry dancers went through the line, the food was getting depleted. There were some plates picked cleaned, and the desserts were going like hotcakes.

All was well, that night at the Cedar Valley Grange, at the Dudes & Dolls Square Dance. Tummies were filled; squares were unbroken; and the rounders were not missing a beat.

A great time was had by all.

Find the time to square dance today. Tomorrow never comes.

A Note from D&D Vice Pres., to all Angels ...

We need help at Tuesday lesson nights. We have six new students and some returning students who have just graduated. We need strong squares with angels so the new dancers have as much help as possible. Scott is doing an excellent job teaching the students, and the classes are moving along at a brisk pace, so it is important to have as many angels as possible. This current set of lessons started March 8th and Scott is intending to teach all the Mainstream moves, which means this set of classes will run into May.

During lessons it is very helpful to remember dance etiquette and to also follow these guidelines:

1. New dancers always have priority to join a square. If you see a new dancer that is not in a square, please ensure that the new dancer gets into a square.

2. When Scott is describing or talking through a dance move please do not talk in the square as it can be distracting to the new dancers. Please be respectful of Scott and the new dancers.

3. If you are not in a square, sitting on the side, please keep your conversations at a low level or go downstairs. Some of the new dancers have complained that they are distracted by the chatter. Remember -- lessons are for the new students.

4. The Class coordinators are there, along with Scott, to ensure that all squares run smoothly. If one of the Class Coordinators asks you (Angel) to move to another square you can rest assured it is for the benefit of the new dancers and is meant to allow the new dancers to dance with as many angels as possible. Each new dancer needs not only a strong partner/angel, but a strong square.

Thank you to all angels who have been participating in lessons and we hope to see you on Tuesday evenings. --Mike W.

Guess Who's Back? First Reply gets NotePads ...



In this Newsletter by popular demand, Guess Who's Back, is going to award a custom set of three matching NotePads, acclaimed by the masses as the best prize anyone could hope for.

The rules are simple: When you know the name of the person, and the date of, and place the picture was taken, send your answer (One per member, please) in the Subject Line to WarnFnel@msn.com. The closest correct answer will win the first prize. Second prize is nothing. Third prize will be a set of three generic D&D NotePads.

Winners will be announced at the break time of our first or second dance, depending on the response. If nobody responds, this space will be filled by a public service announcement next month.

Let's Meet the Dudes & Dolls Family ...

This month's newsletter is a good time to get the story of our President Couple - Scott and Roxanne Lewis.

Scott is one of the few you meet who will tell you he has lived in the Northwest all his life. People come here from far and wide because they hear of the good weather (hah!); being near the mountains and forests and many important American companies that have been started and successful in the Greater Seattle area.



Scott began his career over thirty-something years ago. An aspiring entrepreneur he was following his dream by starting a trucking business and working out of Port Angeles. Scott was a single guy in his 20's; his friends were mostly other truckers who were married. As friends tend to do, they were anxious to fix Scott up with a beautiful young girl they knew. The meeting was arranged as a blind date and that was one blind date that definitely was not a disappointment. It turned out to be the most important date of his life.

Now after 36 years of marriage you can believe that it can happen to be a great way to meet that special someone. It was shortly thereafter when the state put a cramp on the forestry-logging industry and Scott suddenly knew this was a good time to sell his truck and move on to another venture. A career presented itself in the insurance business and they moved to Kirkland, WA. Scott stayed with that pursuit for 13 to 14 years until the opportunity arose to get into the boat repair business in Tacoma. This prospect beckoned to him and the endeavor proved to be an 11-year venture.

There must be something in Scott's blood when it comes to cars, as he comes from a long line of family relatives who have owned car dealerships in the Olympia area. His roots of mingling with the automobile industry must have called to him as he is currently spending his days in the sophisticated and elegant setting of one of America's most prestigious vehicle lines. He is selling something all of us would love to own. Most square dancers would be proud to own a posh and comfortable Cadillac. If anyone has a great desire to purchase a new one—Scott is the man you should talk to.

Meanwhile back to Roxanne. She was born in California; moved to Eastern Washington as a young girl and grew up on a cattle ranch. It was in her teens she moved to Port Angeles where she was lucky to be matched up with Scott Lewis on a blind date. Well, that was certainly a perfect catch for both of them.

During the past 36 years Roxanne pursued a career in nursing and together they brought up four children—three girls and one boy. The family has extended to three grandchildren who live in Portland, OR. Scott says, "Roxanne and I have been dancing with Dudes & Dolls for seven years. We have stayed with the Club because of the friendliness of the members and it is inexpensive and good clean fun."

He continues, "The Club is always learning something new, never reaching a plateau where we might feel we have danced it all." Being President has given them a chance to get to know all the members and opened their eyes to how the Club survives and operates. Scott says, "The two years we served as the President Couple has been a great experience."

—Flo Funnell